



Blue Water Developmental Housing, Inc.

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Our Mission: *We are dedicated to providing a variety of quality services and supports to people with special needs and those involved in their lives.*

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Mr. Chad Benson
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Dear Mr. Benson,

On behalf of Blue Water Developmental Housing (BWDH) I encourage the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to establish the following recommendations in its next Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP):

1. Increase the supportive housing set-aside to 25% of the total allocation credit. In St Clair County accessible and available supportive housing is vital to our efforts to end homelessness.
2. MSHDA should determine eligibility and award supportive housing set-aside credits.
3. Increase the minimum percentage of supportive housing units from 25% to 33% to qualify for the supportive housing set-aside. In St. Clair County we continue to have a growing need for supportive housing. By increasing the minimum SH units, the total number available will increase and will provide further incentive to developers with a strong supportive housing plan to apply for the set-aside.
4. Provide additional incentive for developers to include SH units in non-set-aside projects by increasing the number of points awarded to mixed income projects with SH units that might not meet all the requirements of the set-aside.

Housing is one of a person's most basic needs. We have demonstrated in St Clair County that with supportive housing our clients can become successful and self-sufficient. Please consider enacting our recommendations in the next QAP.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Swantek
Executive Director